Quiz 7 – Political Parties  
  
1. The most important goal of political parties is to   
a. fund political candidates.   
b. gain control of government through popular elections.   
c. organize political rallies.   
d. organize PACs.   
  
2. Which of the following is not a function of political parties?   
a. ​Nominate and elect their members to local public offices   
b. ​Simplify the issues for the voters   
c. ​Mobilize voters in the electoral process   
d. ​Run the government at whatever level they are active   
  
3. Which of the following is not a distinct characteristic of American political parties?   
a. Decentralization   
b. Two-party system   
c. Pragmatism   
d. Idealism   
  
4. Why have third parties been unsuccessful at gaining elected office?   
a. ​Major parties make a conscientious effort to absorb them by adopting their issues.   
b. ​Voters will choose third-party candidates, if given an opportunity.   
c. ​Campaign contributors will support third-party candidates, if given an opportunity.   
d. ​Third-party candidates really do not make a real effort to win.   
  
5. If a third-party candidate fails to garner 5 percent of the vote in a previous election to get on the ballot, they must   
a. collect 45,000 signatures from eligible voters.   
b. pay a filing fee.   
c. petition the state to be placed on the ballot.   
d. cast a “write-in” candidate vote. 

6. What is the lowest level of party organization?   
a. State   
b. Precinct   
c. District   
d. Neighborhood associations   
  
7. State and local party organizations are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who exercise considerable discretion on most party matters.   
a. semi-independent actors   
b. independent actors   
c. grassroots actor   
d. individual actors   
  
8. Which ideology tends to view change suspiciously?   
a. Conservatism   
b. Libertarianism   
c. Pragmatism   
d. Idealism   
  
9. The development of the conservative Democratic faction was an outgrowth of all of the following except   
a. New Deal proposals of Franklin D. Roosevelt.   
b. Fail Deal proposals of Harry Truman.   
c. Modern Republicanism of Dwight D. Eisenhower.   
d. Secessionist proposal of Edmund Davis.   
  
10. Which of the following statements is not true of liberals?   
a. They believe that it is necessary for government to regulate the economy.   
b. Government power should be used to protect the disadvantaged and to promote equality.   
c. They favor progressive taxes.   
d. They possess a more pessimistic view of human nature than conservatives. 